

# GOSPYAN NEWS

Greek Orthodox  
Southside Parish Youth Association  
Monthly Magazine

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# President's Report



## PRESIDENT 's REPORT.

PATRA GANIS.

Hi Everyone!

since my last report, GOSPYA has been very busy over the past few weeks.

The first function we had<sup>was</sup> our ANNUAL CAR RALLY held on Sunday, June 30 where we had several teams competing.

The day proved to be a success with the teams racing around in a Scavenger Hunt, ~~running~~ through a Mater Prize home; but see our special report for details of the day. Thanks to all those who participated and we hope you enjoyed the rally.

The following week saw our ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT where the John McEnroe's and Martina Navratilova's of GOSPYA Clashed with the Boris Becker's and Steffi Graff's of APYGON. Once again we saw APYGON's strength surpass GOSPYA's strategy, but no matter, we all had a good time. Congratulations to all the winners and a special commendation to the GOSPYA girls for their fine performance. Once again, in this newsletter we have a special report about the tournament.

Friday, the 19th of July saw one of our biggest TRIVIA NIGHTS ever! Our thanks to the organizers for their work and also to those who attended. We had 16 teams trying to match wits over numerous questions with very diverse topics, such as, 'Who am I?', music, science and so on. We are already organizing another Trivia Night in the near future; so please stay tuned. In the meantime, however, please remember FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS for very topical discussions and also activities which are organized afterwards. Please see the Fellowship report for further details. Our next meeting is set for Friday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at GOSP Hall.

Our most recent function, however, was the COMBINED YOUTH BOAT CRUISE on the MIRIMAR, last Friday, July 26. Although it was a bit chilly, everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. I apologize to those who missed out this time, but remember to book very early next time to avoid disappointment. Hopefully we will have another Boat Cruise soon.

The 13th of August has been set aside for another COMBINED YOUTH function. This time it is the **ANNUAL B&S BALL** at **Colossus Hall**. Admission is \$10 and this year it has been decided to make the function **BLACK TIE ONLY**. HAVANA will be entertaining us and once again it is set to be a great night. So come along, formally attired, for another memorable night.

Then, on the 15th of August, it is **Tis Panayias** - the name day of our church and to celebrate this special occasion GOSP has organized a Dance on Saturday, 17th of August at Gosp hall. You may contact myself on 398 5398 for bookings. It would be good to see the youth supporting this function as all families and friends are welcome.

On the day, however, The LADIES AUXILARY are organizing a **LUNCHEON** after church on the **Thursday**. (15th August)

Then, the night after the dance has been set aside for a **QGOYC** function to raise money for the Queensland delegates being sent to Adelaide in late September. We have 3 delegates going down to represent **GOSP YA**, so please try to support this function. It will be held at the **Greek Community Centre** on **Sunday, 18th of August**, starting at 6p.m. It is a '**SOUVLA AND SALAD NIGHT**'. The \$8 **CHARGE** includes the meal of lamb on a spit, salad, and pita bread, as well as entry into the disco afterwards.

Preparations have already started for our **ANNUAL FASHION PARADE** to be held on Sunday, September 1 at Mary Street Nite Club. This will prove to be a great night with numerous fashion labels participating; but there will be further details about this event in forthcoming newsletters.

As well as this event's preparations being underway, so too are the preparations for the **ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL** to be held on Saturday, 5th of October at the Greek Community Centre. Any girls from the age of 15 and over are eligible to be part of this elegant event. At this stage practices are held fortnightly. The dates are as follows: **Wednesday, July 31, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, and then practices will become **WEEKLY**, as follows: **August 21, 28 and so on**. Any inquiries you may have (girls or guys), please do not hesitate to contact myself on 398 5398.

Hoping to see you at the B&S Ball, Tis Panayias Dance and QGOYC's 'Souvla and Salad Night'.

Also, don't forget our fortnightly Fellowship meetings.

BYE FOR NOW!



There comes a time in every person's life when we must make that ultimate decision. Questions must be answered. Who am I? Where have I come from? What must I be aiming at achieving in life?

We all know that life is only what we make it. We get out of life exactly what we put in. People that want to get the absolute fullest out of life must take risks to achieve this. Some do it by climbing mountains. Others by parachuting and bunji jumping. Another select group of adventurous individuals, perhaps the ultimate elite gathering, choose to participate in the GOSPYA Car rallys.

Yes! Hot on the trail of the last rally-to-end-all-rallys came the latest GOSPYA Car Rally, the mother of all rallys. A gathering of several highly-coordinated and incredibly skilled rally teams met at the GOSP centre on Sunday, June 30th to participate in this event.

The event started with a bang, with two teams having learnt from past rally experience and being armed with an assortment of liquid weapons. The scavenger hunt progressed well, with most teams gathering almost all of the required items within the allotted time. Special credit must be given to the Londy team, finishing the required task in just 20 minutes!

Progressing through the rally, and making a couple of pitstops on the way, our ralliers showed incredible skill and determination in completing their tasks. Apologies must be directed towards:

- (a) L.J.Hooker real estate
- (b) The real estate agent who found missing not only his brochures, but the entire stand as well.
- (c) The management and cleaner at the Runcorn Plaza Shopping centre.
- (d) The gentleman who answered many questions regarding the price of a can of soup, but didn't sell a single noodle.
- (e) The People unfortunate enough to be inspecting the Mater prize home at about 1pm,
- and (f) Everyone else.

In general, all involved had a great time, with no casualties and everything progressing smoothly. Needless to say, all were happy to sink into their free soft drinks at the end of the day at Wellington Point.



Combined

# GREEK YOUTH

Present

## 1991 B & S BALL

Date : Tuesday, August 13th

Place : COLOSSOS HALL

71 JANE St., WEST END

Time : 7:30 pm

Dress : **black tie only**

Admission \$10.00

Photo ID will be required

Entertainment by D.J. and

# ' HAVANA '

Food and Refreshments  
will be available.



GOSPYA - APYGON TENNIS TOURNAMENT REPORT

by John Stavrou

....So here I was, getting ready for my debut as an aspiring professional reporter for our GOSPYA Newsletter, when suddenly, all my dreams were shattered when the committee said last Wednesday night " John, you're going to write about the Tennis Tournament which we staged with APYGON on the 7th of July, in our next Newsletter."

ME!!!!!! Write about something on a tennis tournament!!! Well, I hope they know what they're in for. I'm GOSPYA's treasurer, not their sports fanatic. Even worse still, they told me I had to fill up a WHOLE page. ARRHHH!!!!

So, where can I start? Well first of all, I must congratulate APYGON for winning this tournament of skill, dexterity and accuracy (I can't think of any more adjectives), but most importantly, a great time was had by all. It gave us all a chance to get together after our mid-year examinations; to laugh, to exercise, and to scream at each other because the other person missed the ball that cost them the match!

The final result was that APYGON beat us by a tiny margin of 33 points.(DID I JUST SAY TINY?) In fact, even though there were two men's sections and only one women's section, the women of GOSPYA fared better than the men. Score 6-0 to women's liberation! Congratulations ladies!

Not even the likes of the Conomos cousins, or the agile maneuvers of Manuel Samios, could maneuver us (ie the men's teams) to a winning position. Mind you, we put up a good fight and it was still worth it in the end.

I wonder, was it just my imagination, or did I see several GOSPYANS playing for the opposition. I think I even saw one of our own committee members play for APYGON.....Nahhhh, he'd never do that (would he?).

Of course, thanks must go to the organizers of this event, Peter Delibaltas (of GOSPYA) and Anthony Marendy (of APYGON) who both put in a lot of effort to make this day go as smoothly as possible and to make sure everybody got their fair share to play on a court.

Finally, thanks must also go to those others who helped make this day possible, and especially also to those who turned up to play a round of tennis....whether it was social or competition, the GOSPYA - APYGON Tennis Tournament would not have been a success without each and every one of you. Congratulations!!!

P.S. Who WAS that masked man who was smart enough to play Basketball at a Tennis Tournament? I know! It was ~~me~~ *oops! Darn this printer... It just had to give out now, didn't it?*

See you soon,  
John

QUEENSLAND GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH COUNCIL

**QGOYC**



**Souvla**

**and**

**Taverna**



**Night**

**(Lamb on Spit)**

**Greek Community**



**Centre**



**Sunday 18th August**

**6.00pm to Midnight**



**Price: \$8.00**

(INCLUDES: LAMB,  
SALAD, PITA BREAD  
AND ADMISSION TO  
DISCO)

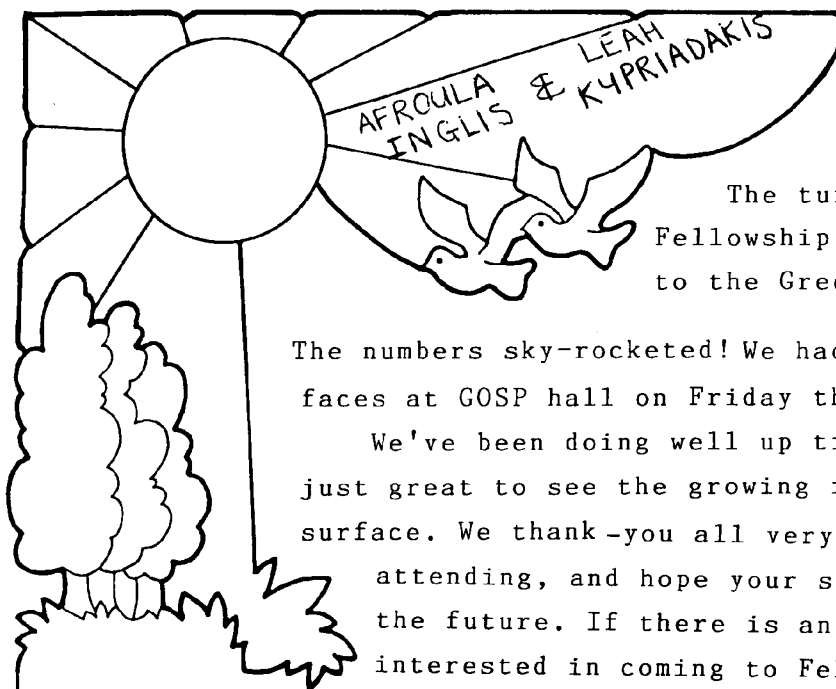
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**by:**

**Steppa**



THIS FUNCTION IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE QUEENSLAND DELEGATES TO  
GO TO THE ADELAIDE CONFERENCE



## FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The turn up at our last Fellowship meeting, was a credit to the Greek youth of Brisbane.

The numbers sky-rocketed! We had at least ten new faces at GOSP hall on Friday the 5th of July.

We've been doing well up till now, but it was just great to see the growing interest coming to surface. We thank-you all very very much for attending, and hope your support continues in the future. If there is anyone out there interested in coming to Fellowship, we are at the hall every second Friday night. (check the dates below for further details.)

The discussion held on the 5th of July was led by Father Constantine Lentakis and Terry Bozikis. Terry is studying at Saint Andrew's Theological College in Sydney, and was in Brisbane for a short time on holiday. Terry spoke to us about his religious experiences, about the college, the types of things he is learning, and the aspirations the Greek Orthodox Church has for the future.

One topic which seemed to spark a great deal of interest, was the aspect of the number of youth attending church services. Are we losing our youth, and if so why is this happening? Is it the language barrier?, or just a lack of interest? Most people agreed that language was one aspect of the problem, but as one person pointed out, "If one understands the meaning behind each part of the service, they would understand what was going on, and would be happy to attend the service." Other people said: "The language shouldn't be a problem, because the liturgy books have both English translations and phonetics in Greek." One youth who has a good grip of the Greek language, said that they found the Greek Liturgy difficult to understand. What of the people who have little or no experience with the Greek Language? Are they strong enough to persist? Ultimately, the answer lies in your hands!, but the church is always open for those people who seek to learn.



**QUESTION:**

What has about 200 legs,  
is incredibly loud, and flows with  
about 12 litres of adrenaline???

**ANSWER:**

GOSPYA'S Trivia Nights!!!!!!!!!!

Yes!, just when we thought we had  
seen the greatest Trivia Night, the  
MEGA MEGA TRIVIA NIGHT came and went on  
the 19th of July.

It was great to see such a huge turn-out.  
Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, but we would  
now like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending  
and participating. A special thanks must go to our compère,  
Kon Penklis, and all the committee members who make Trivia Nights  
such a great success. To all a big **THANK-YOU!!!**

Our next TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on Friday the 27th of  
September, at 7.30pm. See you all there!!!!!!!!!!!!

**AUGUST 2:** FELLOWSHIP

BOARD GAMES AND COFFEE AT GOSP HALL

**AUGUST 16:** FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE AT KATHY'S COFFEE LOUNGE, MT.GRAVATT

**AUGUST 30:** FELLOWSHIP

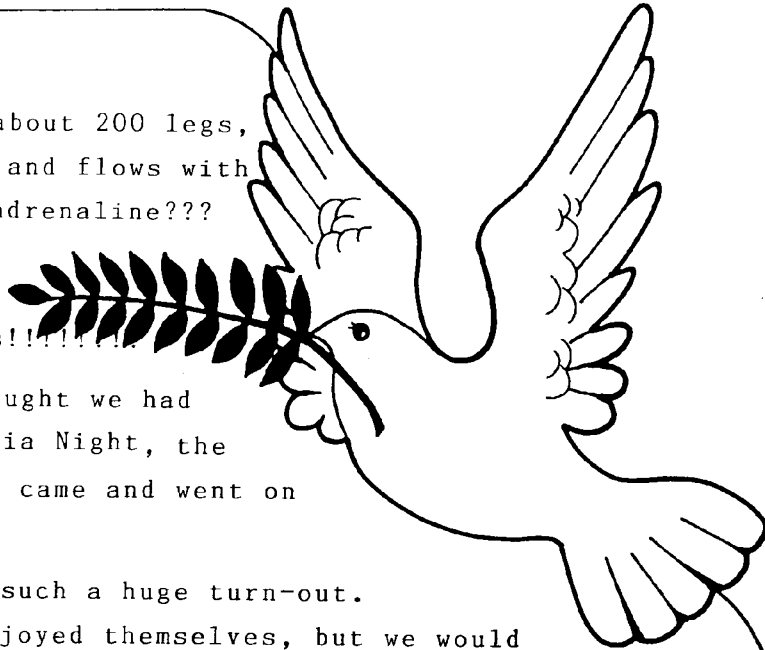
MOVIES (Details in next issue of newsletter)

**SEPTEMBER 13:** FELLOWSHIP

BOWLING(Mt.Gravatt Lanes)

**SEPTEMBER 27:** TRIVIA NIGHT

AFROULA INGLIS and LEAH KYPRIADAKIS



G . O . S . P . Y . A . ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL.  
to be held on SATURDAY, 5th of OCTOBER 1991  
at the GREEK Community Centre.

For the past nine years G.O.S.P.Y.A has maintained a tradition of staging an Annual Debutante Ball, where we present those young ladies ready to fully participate in Greek society.

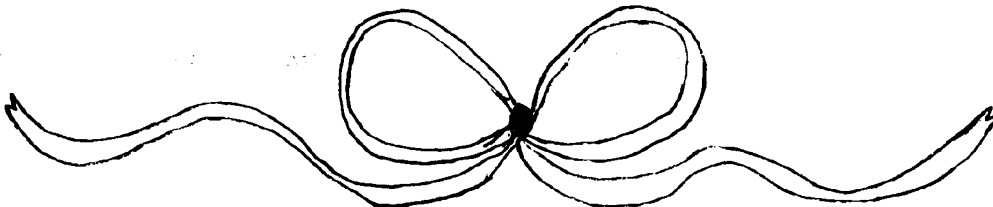
I am sure that any girl who participates in this elegant event will find it truly memorable. Apart from the formality of the occasion, the debutantes will also find it very enjoyable as they will make close friendships with the other girls in their group. The debutantes and their escorts often find the preparations leading up to the night just as enjoyable as the Ball itself.

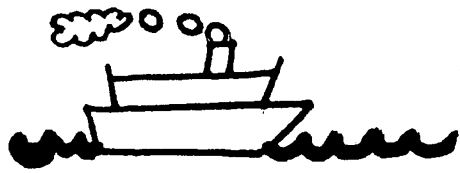
Any girls from the age of 15 and over are eligible to make their debut, and for any inquiries you may have please do not hesitate to contact myself on 398 5398, or you may prefer to come along to our next practice to speak to the Debutante Ball committee and the girls already involved; which will be held on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
at GOSP Hall.

Hoping to see some of you participating in this gala event.

PATRA GANIS.

(President of G.O.S.P.Y.A.)





## BOAT CRUISE REPORT

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Marea Kyprios

It was a full moon on Friday 26th July, if that was any indication of what the night was to hold. Members from GOSPYA, GOYA, CYPRIOT YOUTH, APYGON, PYA & OLYMPIC were all shivering in anticipation & waiting patiently on the dock. Amazingly, all of these Greeks had actually arrived on time for a change.

Finally a brave soul ventured onto the rickety pontoon which led to the Mirimar & the crowd surged forward to follow like sheep clad in woolies. This dinghy was supposed to hold 160 people? My first question was "Are there actually 160 life-jackets on board?" Fortunately we didn't need to find out.

Most people crowded the cosy cabin area downstairs, where the bar & carpeted disco area were. As the evening progressed, it was encouraging to see active intermingling occurring between members of different youth groups. *Due to the cold weather everyone was well rugged up to face the cold winds.* There was also a brief appearance of a she-who-will-remain-nameless GOSPYAN in disguise as Dick Tracy clad in a full-length trench coat.

AS THE ALCOHOL flowed, most people let their hair down & were vigorously dancing to music (which at times was pre-historic) either a/ out of sheer enjoyment OR

b/ in an attempt to increase body temperature.

With regret/relief we arrived back at dock at 11.30pm & everyone had alighted before you could say Mirimar.

The evening proved to be a great success & this suggests that combined youth functions should be organized on a more regular basis in the future.

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## G.O.S.P.Y.A.N NEWS

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Congratulations to Terry Efsthatis who recently celebrated his 21 st Birthday .

John Bourboulas also celebrated his coming of age. Happy 21 st Birthday John.

Happy Birthday to Kon Penklis, our Trivia Night M.C. , who celebrated his 22 th Birthday in July.

Congratulations to APYGON who slaughtered GOSPYA at the recent combined Tennis Tournament at the University of Qld.

Which male GOSPYAN treasurer at a recent 21st B. day party kept his reputation intact by fleeing from the alluring presence of

Gospya has had mixed success in sport over the last couple of months. The purpose of this report is to bring everyone up to date with the news and happenings in Gospya's sporting world. I would just like to remind everyone that the members of Gospya who represent us in sporting competition are very special people. They devote their spare time to represent Gospya in the sporting arena, interacting with other organizations and acting as ambassadors for youth in our association.

I think that it is important for any sporting team to have the support of the members it represents, both financially and in the form of spectators or participants. Gospya has always been willing to meet the financial needs of its sporting teams, however, the support of members as both spectators and participants is vital. I cannot stress this point enough to all our members.

So, when you see a call for spectators or for members to join a team, you should answer as best you can. At one recent basketball game there were ten spectators, eight of these spectators were Goya members and two were from Gospya. This is, in my opinion, a very poor effort from our members. I would ask that our members be more aware of the events in the sporting calendar, to show their support in whichever sport they can. Below is the report on sports for this month.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT: On Sunday 7th July, 1991 Gospya and Apygon held the annual tennis tournament at St Lucia Tennis Links. The day was a great success with both competition and social tennis being played. A full report appears in this newsletter.

NETBALL: The girls have hit a little rough spot in the last couple of weeks, but they have endeavoured to pull themselves out of this slump to try and improve their standing on the points table. I could be mean like one netballer has been and type some rude and defamatory remarks about the girls. However, I am a much more civil person and will wish the girls the best of luck. Anyone wishing to know more about netball, please feel free to call me, Peter Delibaltas on 345 7425, and I will refer you to our team organizer.

BASKETBALL: The basketball team has played very well in the last month, winning the last three games. Each of these games has been full of nail biting tension as the team has won some very close games. Your support for the teams end of season games would be appreciated. A draw of the team games appears in this newsletter.

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball received a big influx of people after exams for the mid-year were completed. Volleyball is a social and sporting event held each Monday night at Mansfield High School. If you haven't been to volleyball lately, maybe it's time you attended again. You will no doubt enjoy yourself. so give yourself a treat on

GOSPYA BASKETBALL

Below appears a draw for the Sunday night Basketball competition, held at Auchenflower Basketball Stadium, Dixon St Auchenflower. Your support in the form of spectators would be very much appreciated.

Team members are:-

George Veneris  
George Samios  
Herc Panagiotakis  
Joseph Panagiotakis  
John Sophios  
John Savas  
Peter Delibaltas

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
4th August	7.25pm
11th August	4.55pm
18th August	9.55pm
25th August	10.45pm

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